

If you have not received a copy of the 2009 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation pamphlet please contact (360) 902-2700 for a copy. Please check our web site listed on pages 1 and 43 of the pamphlet regularly for updated information regarding Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries.

For fisher's in Hood Canal please be aware that the area within 1000 ft from shore between the Hoodsport Marina dock and the dock at Glen Ayr Trailer Park, collectively known as the Hoodsport Hatchery Zone, is closed to all gear types. Fisher's and buyers also need to ensure when fishing in Hood Canal that they code the correct catch area to the fish ticket as a new catch area is open this week.

The sixth test catch of the Apple Cove (APC) Test Fishery was conducted on Thursday, November 12th and a total of 27 chum, 1 Coho, and 1 Chinook were landed in 5 sets. The South Sound chum salmon run size has been downgraded back to the preseason forecast of 348,000. The Hood Canal chum salmon run size remains updated from a preseason forecast to 490,000.

For the period of November 15th – November 21st all areas are closed except as follows:

Area 7B Bellingham Bay is open 24 hrs per day from 7 AM Monday until 4PM Friday to gill nets using 6-¼ inch minimum mesh size continuously through December 4th, and to purse seines using the 5-inch strip 24 hrs per day from 7 AM Monday until 4PM Friday through December 4th.

The portion of Area 7B east of a line from Post Point to the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor is open to commercial harvest continuously until 4 PM Friday, December 4th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 6 AM to 7 PM on Wednesday, November 18th and from 6 AM to 4 PM on Friday, November 20th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 5 PM on Wednesday, November 18th. Chinook must be released.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh during the following dates and times:

4 PM Sunday, November 15th to 8 AM Monday, November 16th.
4 PM to midnight, Wednesday, November 18th.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 5 PM on Tuesday, November 17th. Chinook and coho must be released.

Areas 12, 12B and 12C Hood Canal will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh from 7 AM to 7 PM on Monday, November 16th and Wednesday, November 18th.

Areas 12, 12B and 12C Hood Canal will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 5 PM on Tuesday, November 17th. Chinook must be released.

If you suspect an error in this message or have questions please contact Jeromy Jording at (360) 902-2717. Thank you for calling the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.

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